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EPA continues to deploy response personnel to Austin, Beaumont-Port Arthur, Houston and Corpus Christi where Unified Command teams are identifying and evaluating impacts of the hurricane and floods. Drinking water and waste water assessments continue to be a priority in these same areas. EPA drinking and waste water assessment teams are working in coordination with TCEQ to assist drinking water and waste water facilities maintain and/or resume their operational status. Additional teams will deploy to Corpus Christi and Houston to conduct these priority assessments. EPA is standing by as the Arkema plant is expected to experience more explosions/fires over the next few days. ASPECT surveillance aircraft continues to monitor the site and will be available for assessments should another fire occur. At this time indications from the onboard infrared monitoring instruments indicate low levels of peroxide emissions. Administrator Pruitt's statement on the reported explosion at the Arkema facility in Crosby: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-statement-reported-explosion-chemical-plant-crosby-texas> ; EPA's joint statement with Texas officials responding to the Arkema incident: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/local-state-federal-joint-statement-texas-chemical-plant-fire> . EPA also issued fuel waivers for 38 states and Washington, D.C. today to help ensure an adequate supply of fuel throughout the country in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-approves-emergency-fuel-waivers-38-states-and-washington-dc>